Teachers—Lower Secondary and Primary Departments.

568. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the percentage of under-graduate teachers in the Form classes of the Lower Secondary departments in all the State schools;

(b) the total number of graduate teachers now employed in the Primary department of the State schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) Nearly 38%.

(b) Four.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what is the minimum qualification?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is the School Final Certificate Examination, and along with that there is the license issued by the Department, up to the Third Form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether the percentage is decreasing or increasing?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—During the last 12 months the percentage has considerably increased. A definite rule is laid down that a very large percentage should be reserved to people who are promoted from the lower ranks to the higher.

Maharaja's College and Hostels—space.

569. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of remarks, observations or orders made by the Madras University Authorities regarding space in the Ernakulam College and hostels connected therewith and restriction on admission to the College and hostels after 1924?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are no remarks, observations or orders made by the Madras University Authorities regarding spece in the Maharaja's College and hostels apart from the several reports of the University Commission, relevent extracts from which are sub-joined. "Since 1918 the numbers have increased from 228 to 548 and the floor space of the College has trebled. The area is however inadequate in all subjects, the rooms formed from the verandahs are naturally not of good proportions for class work, the lighting and ventilation of the inner rooms have been spoiled and the mutual disturbance due to the close packing of rooms noted by the 1918 Commission has become much more pronounced.

There is no disguising the fact that the problem of improving the residential provision for this College demands an urgency

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of practical attention which there are no signs that it is receiving."

"If the Syndicate had realised that the Cochin Government were not in a position to provide adequate accommodation within a reasonable time it would have considered seriously the question of withdrawing the B. A. affiliation either partially or wholly. The present position is that there is every possibility of the present unsatisfactory state of accommodation being indefinitely continued.

"Further the management should be asked to furnish a detailed scheme, with plans and estimates, for the permanent College buildings and hostels, play-grounds, and appurtenances by 31st December 1931".

"The total maximum strength of the College should be fixed at 450—Class I, 140, Class II, 110, Class III, 100 and Class IV, 100. The maximum for the Science classes should be as recommended by Dr. Dey.

"The maximum strength allowed in the Intermediate Classes (Groups I and II should be 90 in each year, and the number of admissions into the B. A., Physics and Chemistry classes should be strictly limited to 20 and 15 respectly in each year."

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that in the opinion of the Syndicate the demand for space is not proportionate to the increase in the number of students?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is what they say.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the Director of Education think that it is correct?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot express an opinion on the views of an expert body like the Syndicate. Their opinion has to be accepted.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when these reports were sent?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got the exact dates.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know the respective dates of the reports.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This is extracted from several reports.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know the dates of the various reports?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The first extract is from the 1928 report. The next also is from the same report. The third and the rest are from last years' report.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Durbar has drawn the attention of the Syndicate to these conflicting reports?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is the report of the Professor of Chemistry. I have drawn his attention to this inconsistency.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I am not concerned with the particular member responsible. I want to know whether the attention of the Syndicate was drawn to this.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That particular portion is taken from the report of the Professor. It relates to the science section. I have not officially written to him, but in the actual course of conversation I have drawn his attention to the inconsistency.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I not right in thinking that the authority of the specialist is not greater than that of the Commission? One opinion is that of the specialist and the other of the Commission. The authority of the Commission is much greater and more conclusive.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion.

Regarding the St. Francis Church Vernacular School Puthiakavu.

570. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state ;

a. whether the Government gives grant to the above school ;

b. if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the yearly grant ;

c. is the said school located on the borders of the Cochin State ;

d. what is the percentage total strength of the school;

e. how many of the students are residents of the Cochin State ;

f. how many of them belong to the Travancore State;

g. how many teachers are employed in that school;

h. how many of them are bonafide Cochinites ;

i. how many of them are subjects of the Travancore State?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—a. Yes.

b. Rs. 1,550—7—0.

c. Yes.

d. 278.

e. 192.

f. 86.

g. 9.

h. 4.

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